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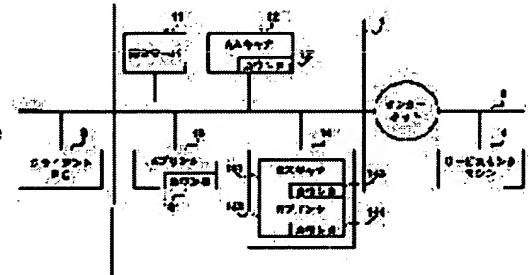
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## (54) ACCOUNTING DEVICE, ACCOUNTING METHOD AND STORAGE MEDIUM

## (57)Abstract:

**PROBLEM TO BE SOLVED:** To realize efficient and detailed accounting by providing a centralized control machine periodically and synthetically controlling totalling data consisting of the content of service, a counter value and client information from plural accounting servers.

**SOLUTION:** Each device constituting an input/output system on a network updates a counter for accounting provided inside each device in accordance with the detailed content of the service required by operation designated from the client and prepared for every client corresponding to the content of the service. The accounting server 11 decides whether or not accounting information collecting time comes. Such deciding processing is performed by using an internal timer. When the collecting time comes, the accounting information is collected. In such a case, the counted values of counters 121, 131, 143 and 144 are collected and totalled. It is possible that the server 11 outputs the respective counted values together with ID information showing the server 11 to a service center machine 4 so as to collect the information.



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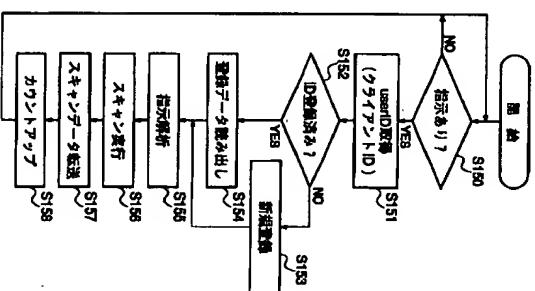
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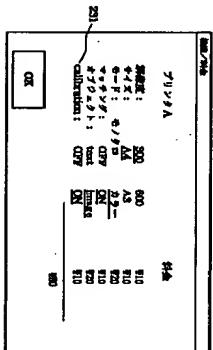
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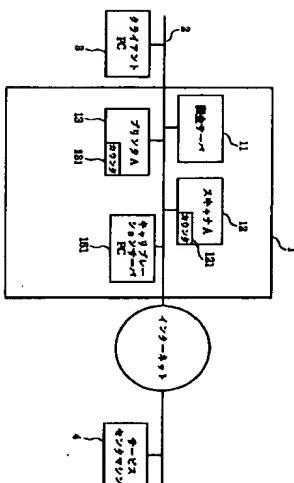


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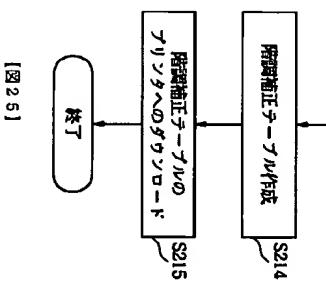
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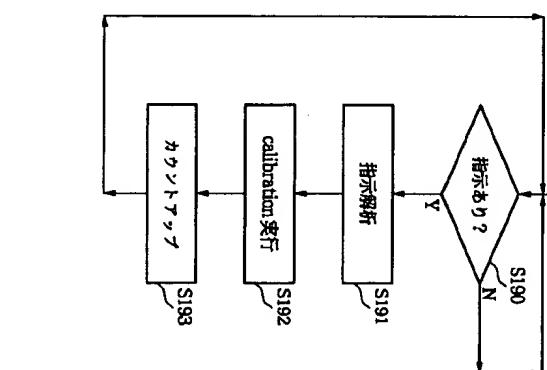
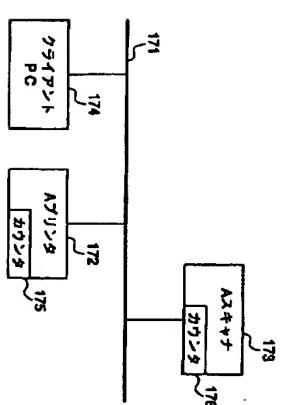
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